

Draft Greenprint Goals

Based on the results of the telephone survey and the first steering committee meeting, the top five goals are:

1. Protect water quality in rivers and streams
2. Preserve local farms and ranches
3. Protect wildlife habitat
4. Protect important cultural and historical lands and sites
5. Provide public access to healthy outdoor recreation

Colors are used below to show which results feed into which goal. The goals are not necessarily in ranked order – though water quality is clearly the top priority.

Telephone Poll Highlights

Interest in Various Activities

(percent very high priority [5]; mean)

59%; 4.3 Visiting Public Parks

47%; 4.1 Visiting Cultural/Historical Sites

Area of County in Most Need of Additional Preservation

(choose 1) 17% South Valley

Highest Priority for Use of Mill Levy Funds

(percent very high priority [5]; mean)

89%; 4.8 Protecting the water quality of rivers and streams

80%; 4.7 Protecting the bosque and other lands along the Rio Grande [will be captured by #1 and #3]

70%; 4.6 Protecting habitat for wildlife and birds

56%; 4.3 Protecting agricultural lands around the Rio Grande from future development

54%; 4.2 Preserving local farms and ranches

47%; 4.2 Preserving lands and buildings of historical or cultural significance

47%; 4.0 Purchasing farmlands to increase local food production

45%; 4.1 Creating more open-space and recreation areas near lower income neighborhoods

Single Highest Priority

49% Protecting the water quality of rivers and streams

12% Protecting the bosque and other lands along the Rio Grande [will be captured by #1 and #3]

First Choice for Where Land Should be Purchased

34% Along the river in the North Valley

26% Agricultural lands in the South Valley

Overall Importance of Various Considerations

(percent very high priority [5]; mean)

Highest priorities:

60%; 4.4 Purchasing land that will benefit the greatest number of people

58%; 4.3 Purchasing land that will do the most to help encourage healthy activities and promote community health

58%; 4.3 Making sure it is easily accessible to the public

Lower priorities:

42%; 3.9 Purchasing land that is most at risk from future development

28%; 3.7 Purchasing land that is next to existing open-space or agricultural areas

Tradeoffs

52% Purchase smaller, but more expensive land in environmentally sensitive areas

Steering Committee Meeting Highlights

Note: Connectivity and development pressure are not explicitly addressed in the draft goals – in part because they did not appear to be priorities in the telephone poll results.

What resources are especially important to protect?

Connectivity (3); stormwater management, arroyos, riparian (3); historical and cultural landscapes that are important to stories [for example, need to be able to see volcanoes] (3); wildlife corridors (2); agriculture with water rights (2); agriculture/farming/silviculture (2); water (2); biodiversity (1); river (1); areas where more than one resource would be protected (1).

Priority Conservation Targets

Table 1. Priority Conservation Targets

| Conservation Value/Goal/Criteria | Data to be Used in Mapping | Priority Votes |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Areas subject to development pressure | COG, BBER/Census | 4 |
| Areas of cultural importance | SHPO, UNM, State Archaeologist | 4 |
| Vital ecology – whole systems | NRCS, USFWS, USGS, Pathways – Wildlife Corridors | 4 |
| Irrigable farmlands | Santiago – historical data; CD, Interstate Stream Commission | 3 |
| Accessibility | Census, NM Community Data Collaborative | 3 |
| Critical watersheds | AMAFCA, SSCAFCA | 3 |
| Impaired waterways and wells | County GIS | 2 |
| Older cultural communities | UNM Land Grant Program | 1 |